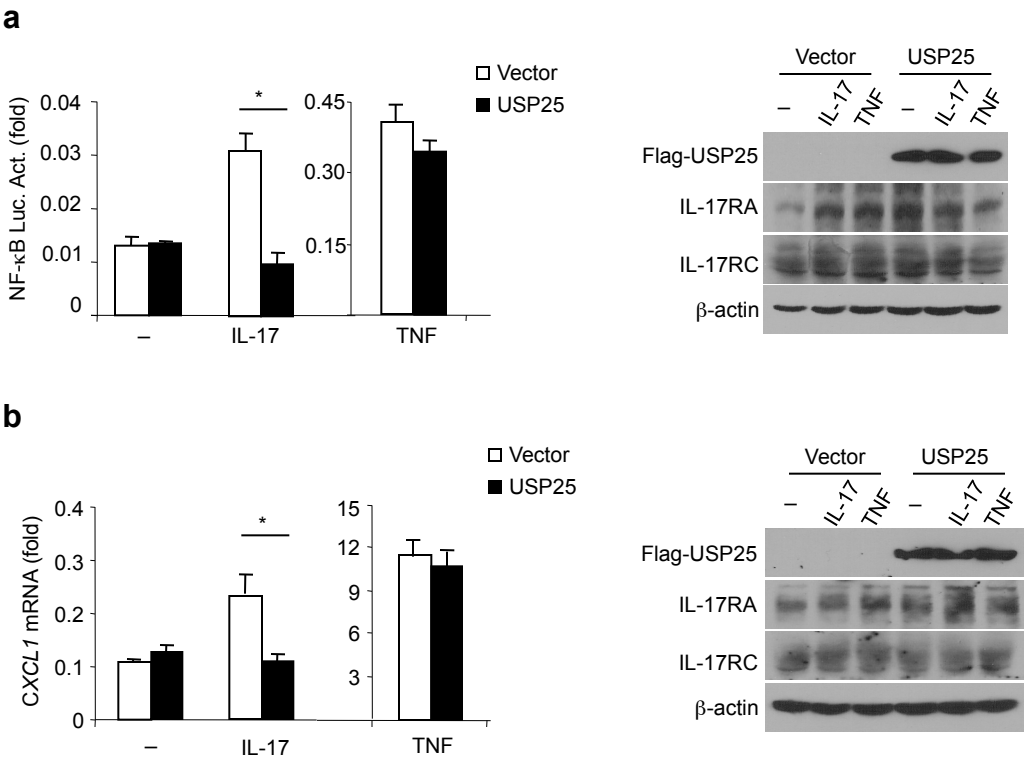


## **Supplementary Figures**

### **Negative regulation of IL-17-mediated signaling and inflammation by ubiquitin-specific protease 25**

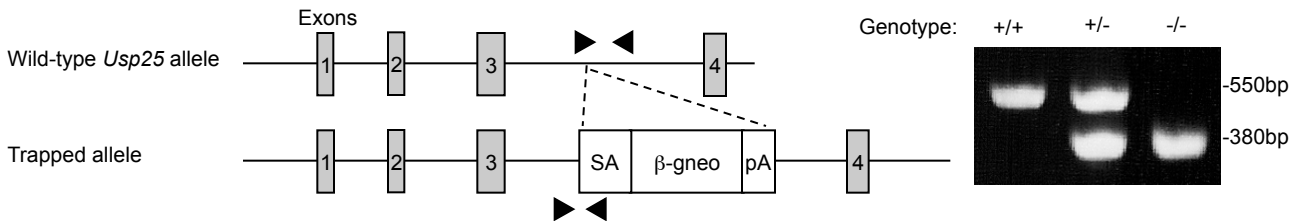
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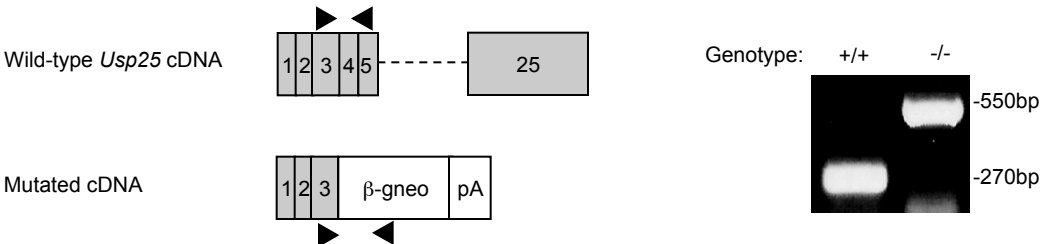
**Supplementary Figure 1. Overexpression of USP25 inhibits IL-17-triggered signaling in 293T-IL-17RA/C cells.** (a) Luciferase activity in 293T cells transfected with IL-17RA and IL-17RC (293T-IL-17RA/C) together with NF- $\kappa$ B reporter plasmids (0.05  $\mu$ g), pRL-TK Renilla luciferase (0.01  $\mu$ g) and Flag-USP25 or empty vector (Vector), followed by stimulation with IL-17 (50 ng/ml) or TNF (10 ng/ml) for 8 hours or no stimulation (-) 20 h after transfection. (b) Real-time RT-PCR analysis of IL-17-induced expression of *CXCL1* in 293T-IL-17RA/C cells transfected with Flag-USP25 or empty vector (Vector) and stimulated with IL-17 (50 ng/ml) or TNF (10 ng/ml) for 4 h or left untreated (-) 20 h after transfection. Data are representative of three independent experiments. Graphs show mean  $\pm$  SD, n = 3. \*p<0.01.

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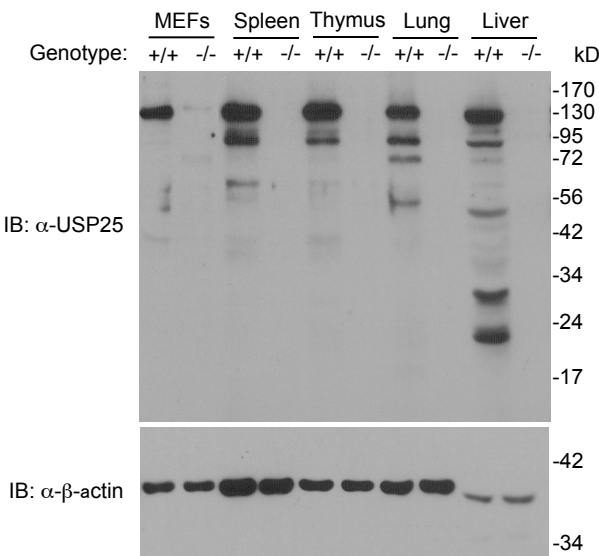
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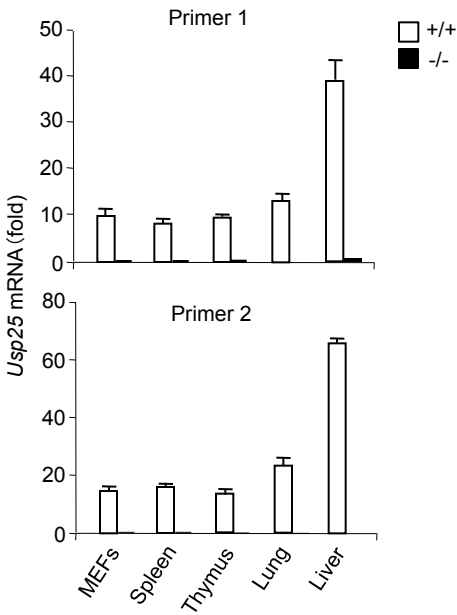
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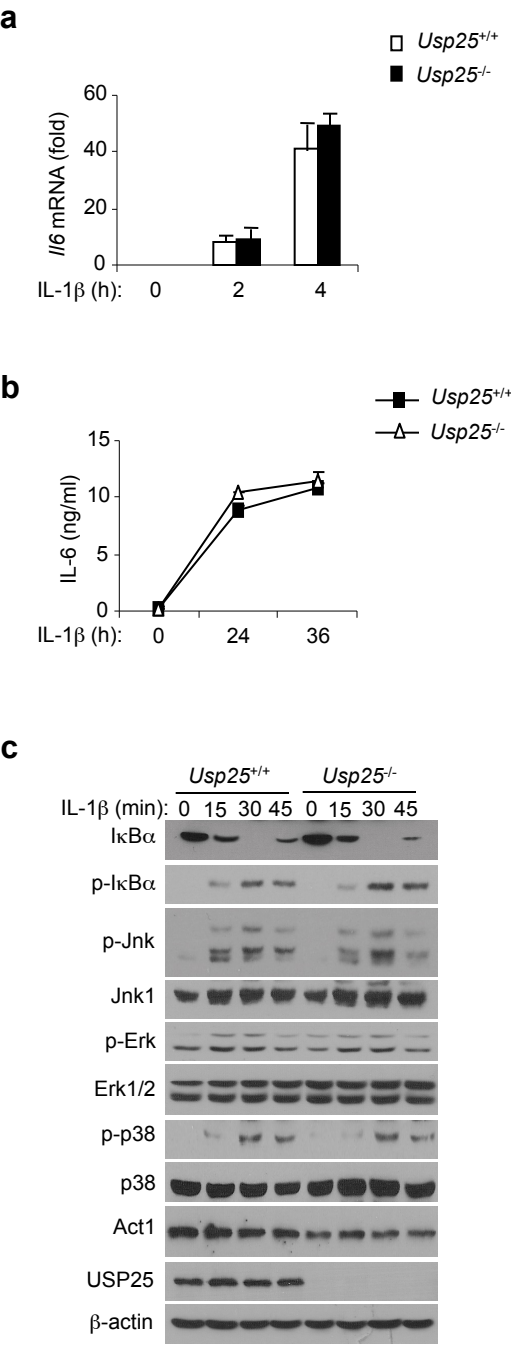


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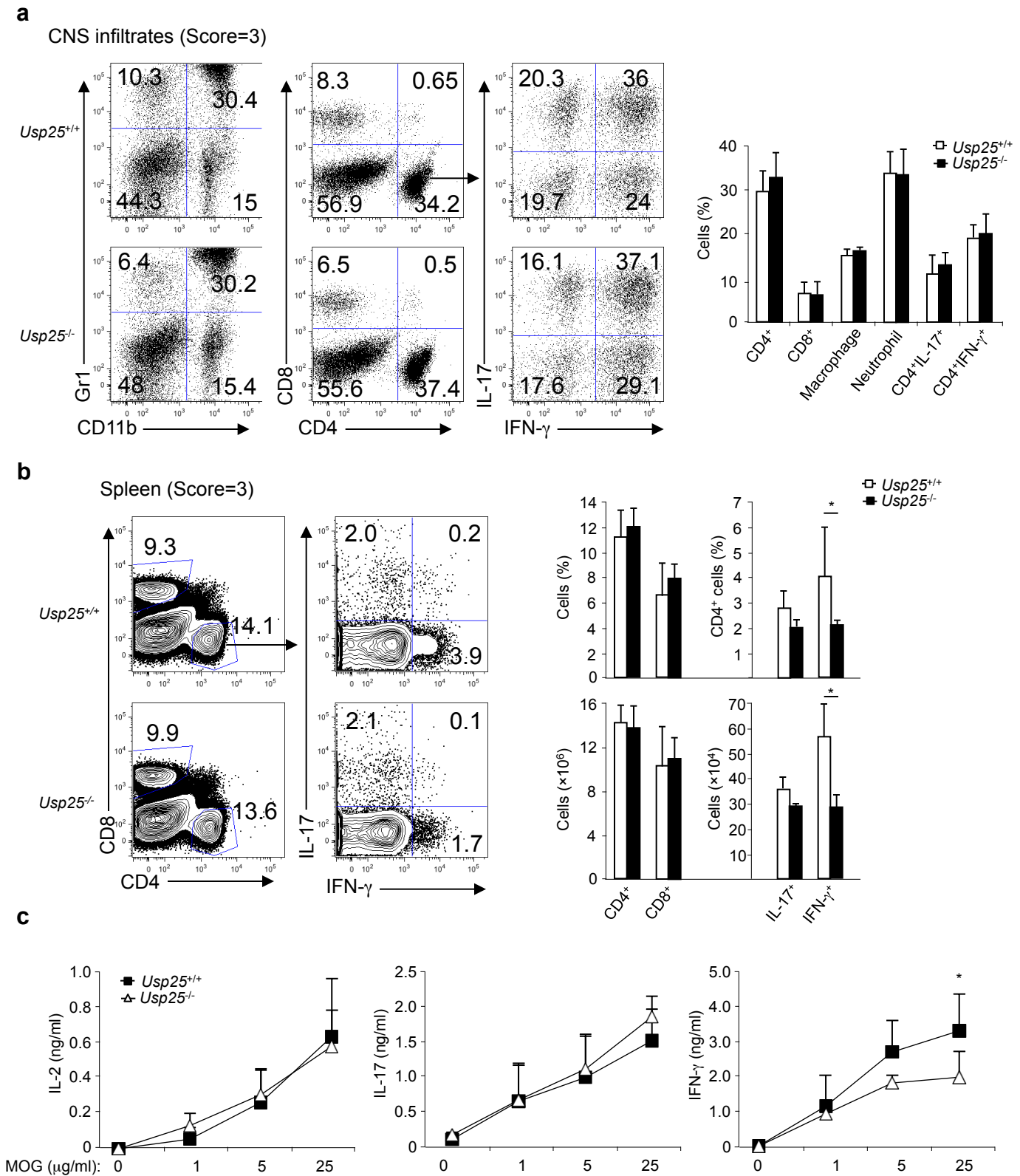


**Supplementary Figure 2. Generation of *Usp25*<sup>-/-</sup> mice.** (a,b), A schematic presentation of gene trapping strategy and genotyping results. SA, splicing adaptor sequence;  $\beta$ -gneo,  $\beta$ -galactosidase neomycin fusion gene; pA, polyA sequence; arrow head, genotyping primers. (c,d) Immunoblot of USP25 (c) or real-time PCR analysis of *Usp25* mRNA (d) in mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs), spleen, thymus, lung or liver from wild-type and *Usp25*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. For c-d, data are representative of two independent experiments. Graphs show mean  $\pm$  SD, n=3.

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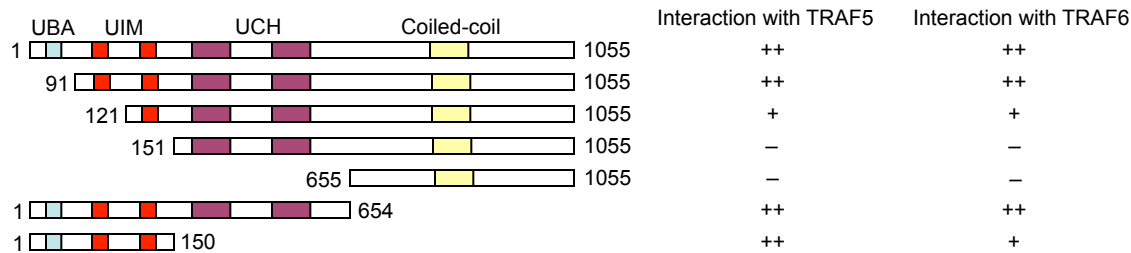
**Supplementary Figure 3. USP25 deficiency has no effect on IL-1 $\beta$ -induced signaling.** (a,b), Real-time PCR analysis of *IL6* mRNA (a) or ELISA analysis of IL-6 in the supernatants (b) of wild-type and *Usp25*<sup>-/-</sup> MEFs treated with IL-1 $\beta$  (10 ng/ml) for the indicated time points. (c) Immunoblot of lysates of wild-type and *Usp25*<sup>-/-</sup> MEFs treated with IL-1 $\beta$  (10 ng/ml) for the indicated time points with the indicated antibodies. Data are representative of three independent experiments. Graphs show mean  $\pm$  SD, n = 3.



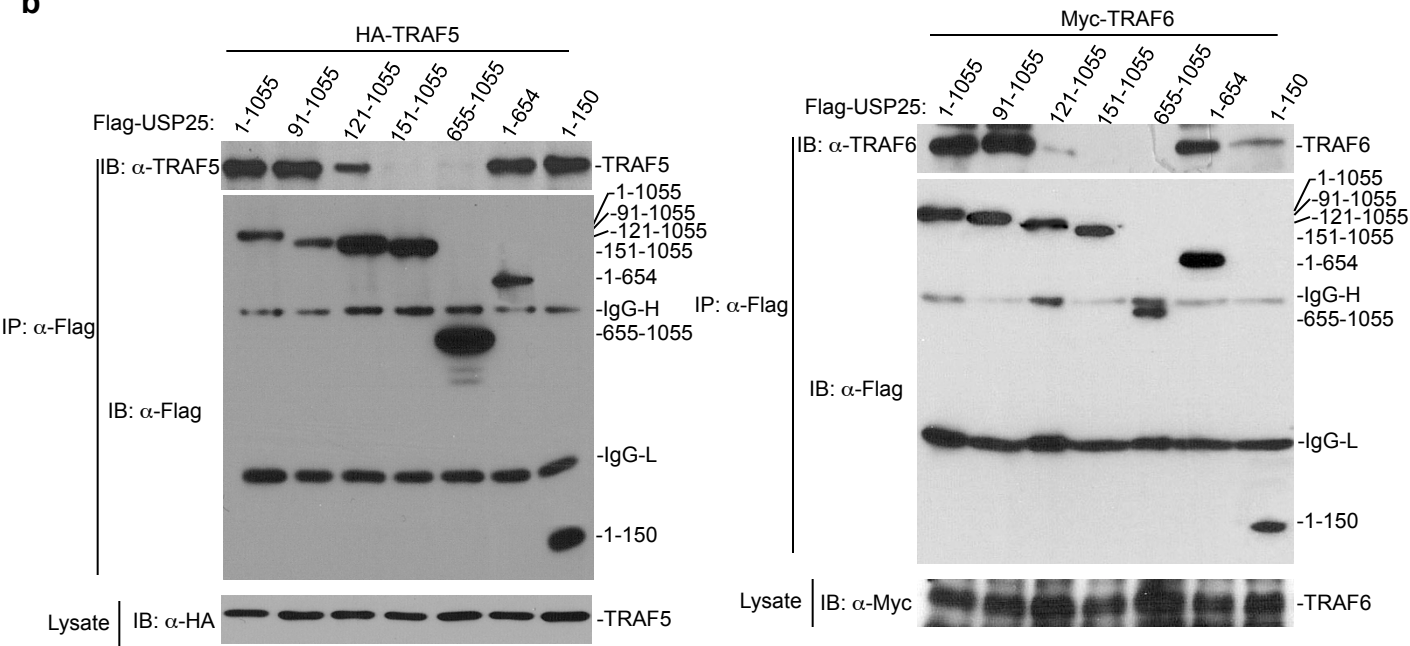
**Supplementary Figure 5. Effects of USP25 deficiency on CNS infiltration and MOG-specific Th17 development during EAE induction.** (a) Flow cytometry analysis of cell infiltrates in CNS system of wild-type or *Usp25*<sup>-/-</sup> mice induced EAE (score=3) (left panels). The percentages of different cell populations were statistically analyzed (right graph). (b) Flow cytometry analysis of splenocytes from wild-type or *Usp25*<sup>-/-</sup> mice induced EAE (score=3) stimulated with MOG<sub>35-55</sub> peptide (100  $\mu$ g/ml) for overnight followed by treatment with golgi stop for 6 hours (left panels). The percentages and cell numbers of different cell populations were statistically analyzed (right graph). (c) ELISA analysis of IL-2, IL-17 and IFN- $\gamma$  production by splenocytes from wild-type or *Usp25*<sup>-/-</sup> mice induced EAE stimulated with MOG<sub>35-55</sub> peptide for three days. Graphs show mean  $\pm$  SD, n = 5. Data are representative of three independent experiments.

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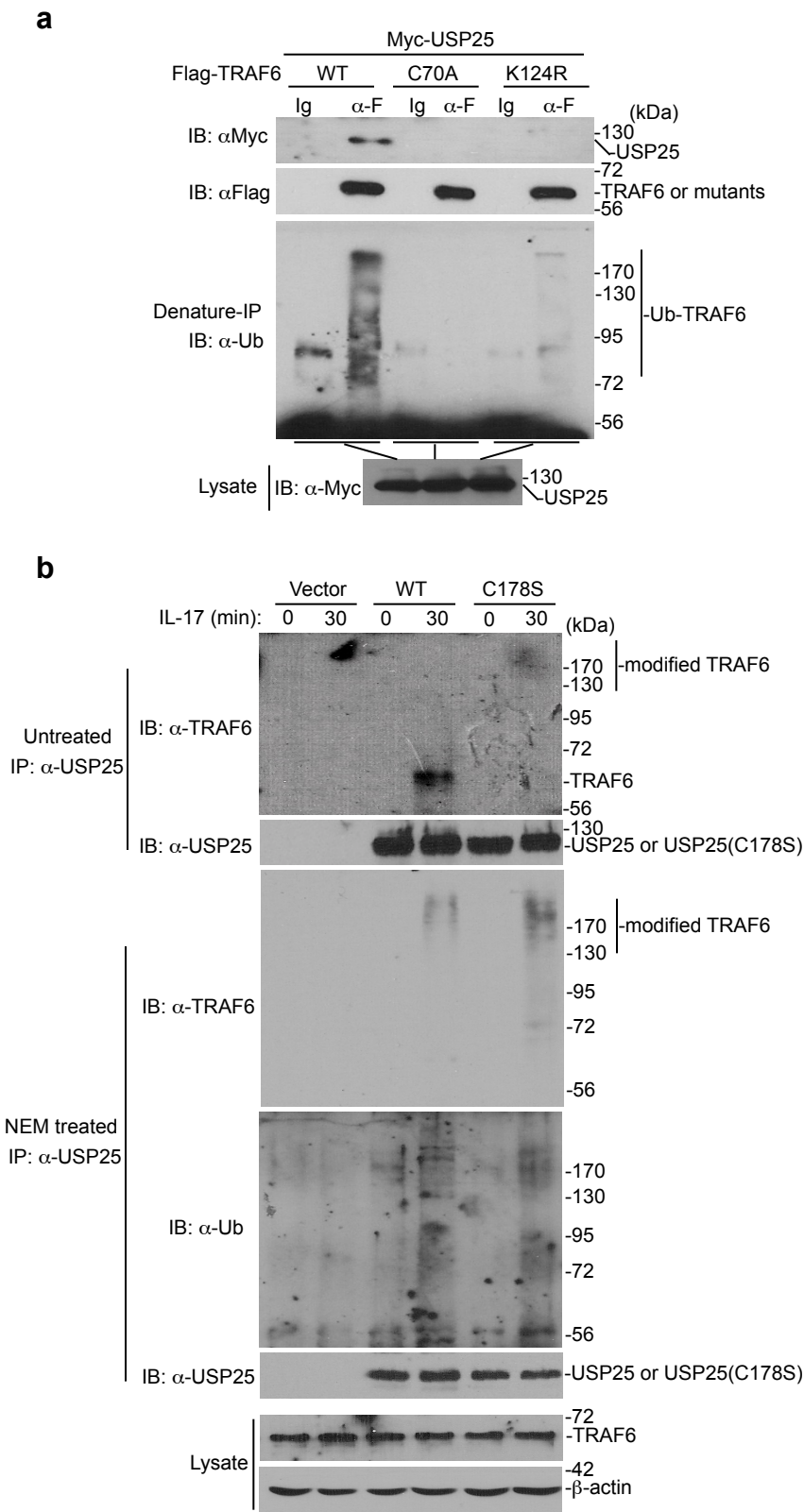


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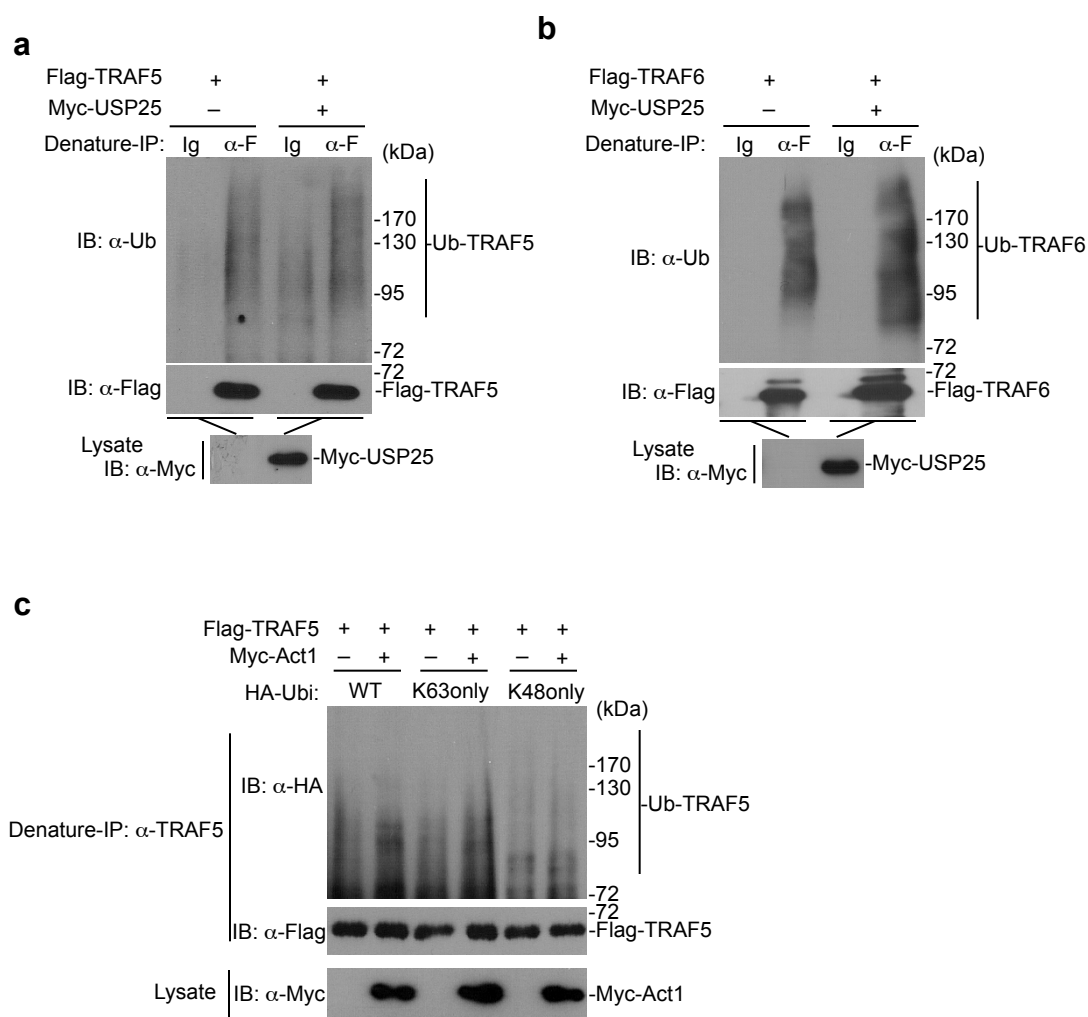
**Supplementary Figure 5. Domain mapping for USP25-TRAF5 and USP25-TRAF6 interactions.** (a) A schematic presentation shows USP25 domains and their ability to associate with TRAF5 or TRAF6. (b) The UBA-UIM of USP25 is required for optimal TRAF5-USP25 (left panels) and TRAF6-USP25 (right panels) interactions. HEK293T cells were transfected with the indicated plasmids. Immunoprecipitation assay was performed twenty hours after transfection. The immunoprecipitants were analyzed by immunoblot with anti-TRAF5 or anti-TRAF6 (top panels) or anti-Flag (middle panels). The expression levels of TRAF5 or TRAF6 were analyzed by immunoblot with anti-HA or anti-Myc (bottom panels). Data are representative of two independent experiments.

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**Supplementary Figure 6. TRAF6 modification mediates TRAF6-USP25 interaction.** (a) Immunoblot assays of lysates from 293T cells transfected with the indicated plasmids, followed by immunoprecipitation with anti-Flag and immunoblot with anti-Myc (top two panels), or denature-IP with anti-Flag and immunoblot with anti-Ub (middle panel). The expression levels of Myc-USP25 in the lysates were determined by immunoblot with anti-Myc (bottom panel). (b) USP25(C178S) interacts with IL-17-induced modified TRAF6. USP25-deficient MEFs were reconstituted with empty vector, Flag-tagged USP25(WT) or USP25(C178S). Cells were treated with (middle and bottom panels) or without (top two panels) N-Ethylmaleimide (NEM, 0.5 mM) together with IL-17 (200 ng/ml) for 30 min. Cells were lysed and cell lysates were immunoprecipitated with anti-USP25 in the presence (middle and bottom panels) or absence (top two panels) of NEM (20 mM). The immunoprecipitants were analyzed by immunoblot with anti-TRAF6, anti-Ubiquitin or anti-USP25. The expression levels of TRAF6 in the lysates were analyzed by immunoblot with anti-TRAF6 or anti- $\beta$ -Actin (bottom panels). Data are representative of two independent experiments.

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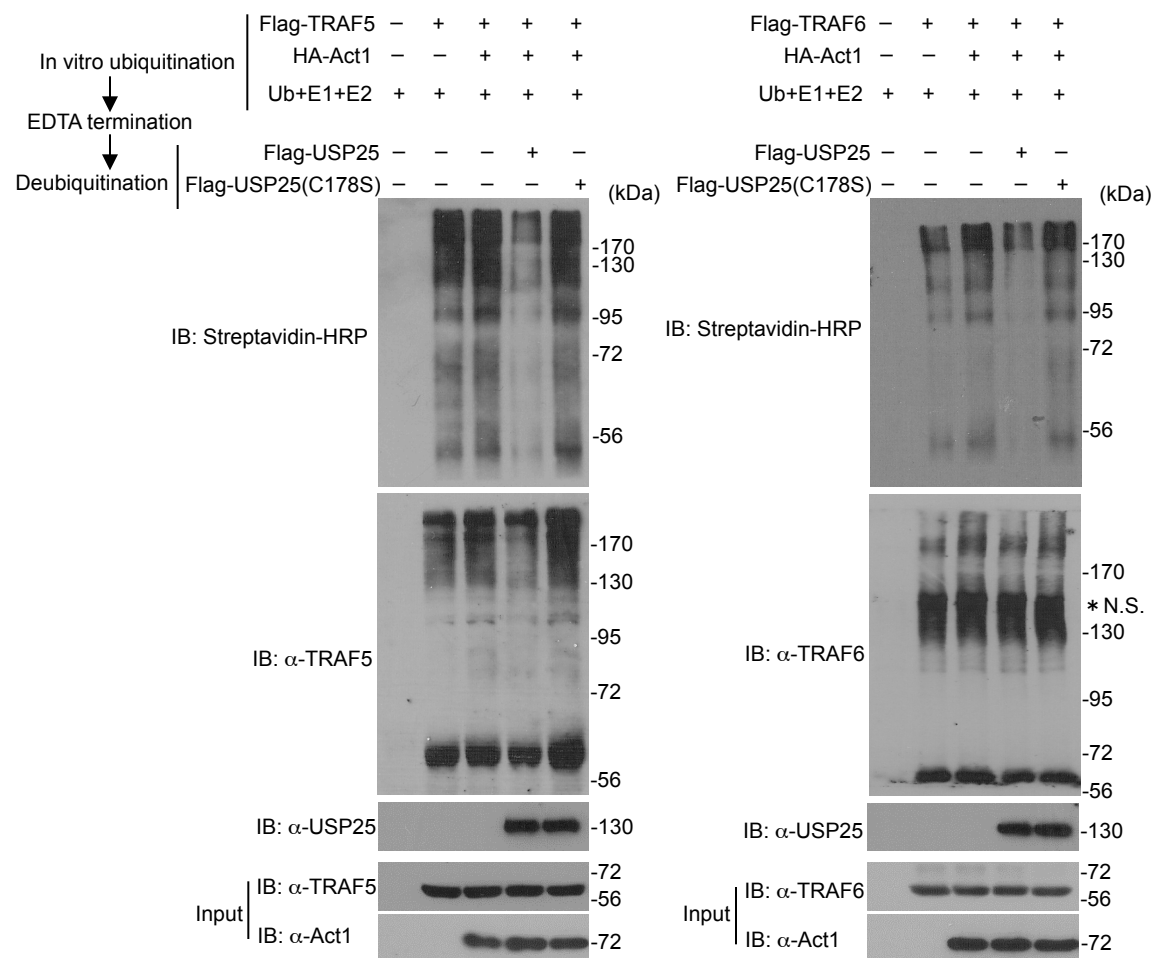


**Supplementary Figure 7. Act1-mediated ubiquitination of TRAF5.** (a,b) Immunoassay of 293T cells transfected with the indicated plasmids, followed by denature-immunoprecipitation (Denature-IP) with anti-Flag and immunoblot analysis with anti-ubiquitin (Ub) or anti-Flag 20 h after transfection. The expression levels of USP25 were analyzed by immunoblot with anti-Myc. (c) Immunoassay of 293T cells transfected with the indicated plasmids, followed by denature-immunoprecipitation (Denature-IP) with anti-TRAF5 and immunoblot analysis with anti-HA or anti-Flag 20 h after transfection. The expression levels of Act1 were analyzed by immunoblot with anti-Myc.

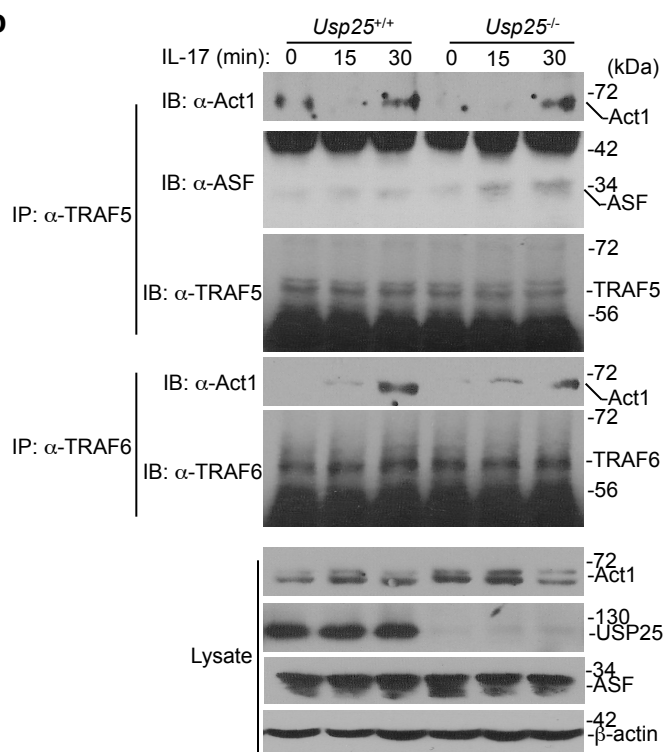


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**Supplementary Figure 8. USP25 deubiquitinates Act1-mediated ubiquitination of TRAF5 and TRAF6 *in vitro*.** (a) *In vitro* ubiquitination assays were carried out by mix of the indicated proteins before an aliquot of each mix was saved as input and analyzed with anti-TRAF5 or anti-TRAF6 or anti-Act1 (bottom two panels), followed by addition of EDTA (10 mM) and USP25 or USP25(C178S). The reactions were subjected to immunoblot analysis with streptavidin-HRP (top panels) or anti-TRAF5 or anti-TRAF6 or anti-USP25 (middle panels). (b) Immunoassays of lysates from wild-type and *Usp25<sup>-/-</sup>* MEFs treated with IL-17 for the indicated time points, followed by immunoprecipitation of anti-TRAF5 (top three panels) or anti-TRAF6 (middle two panels) and immunoblot with anti-Act1, anti-ASF, anti-TRAF5 or anti-TRAF6. Data are representative of two independent experiments.

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## Genotyping primers for genomic DNA

WT forward	AATAGAAGTATGGGGGAATGGAA
WT reverse	CAAGAGGAGCACACAAGAACTTT
KO forward	CACCAACGTAACCTATCCCATTA
KO reverse	GGAAATCGCTGATTTGTGTAGTC

## Genotyping primers for cDNA

WT forward	CCAACAAGCCCTGAAGGATA
WT reverse	GCCTGCTCTTCATCGGTTATGCC
KO forward	GCACCAGCAGACATTTTTGA
KO reverse	GACAGTATCGGCCTCAGGAAGATCG

## Real-time PCR primers

<i>Usp25 primer 1</i>	TTGACCACCGGGAGAGCCGG TTCCAACAAGGGCCTGCCCA
<i>Usp25 primer 2</i>	TCCGGCACCAAGGCACATCAC ACGGCATGGAGGCGGTAAGG
<i>Il6</i>	TATGAAGTTCCTCTCTGCAAGAGA TAGGGAAGGCCGTGGTT
<i>Tnf</i>	AATGGCCTCCCTCTCATCAGT GCTACAGGCTTGTCACCTCGAATT
<i>Cxcl1</i>	CGCTTCTCTGTGCAGCGCTGCTGCT AAGCCTCGCGACCATTCTTGAGTG
<i>β-Actin</i>	TGGAATCCTGTGGCATCCATGAAAC TAAACGCAGCTCAGTAACAGTCCG
<i>Human β-Actin</i>	GGCCCGAGCCGGAGTAGCA GATGGACGGGAACACGGCCC
<i>KcΔ4 RT</i>	TTAATAAACTTTTATTTT
<i>Human Cxcl1</i>	CTTCAGGAACAGCCACCAGT TCCTGCATCCCCCATAGTTA
<i>Human Il6</i>	AAACAACCTGAACCTTCCAAAGA GCAAGTCTCCTCATTGAATCCA